# The Unless Press

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## Upcoming Events

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| 9/2/12 | Once-ler/Lorax fandom celebrates its sixth month anniversary! |
| 9/8/12 | Greenville picnic to be held in Greenville square. Bring your own lunch. 12:30 PM. |
| 10/01/12 | Deadline of Bitter's online give-away. Save the date. |
| 10/13/12 | Start of upcoming panty raid. 5:00 PM EST. |

## Members Edition

We are a creative fandom, composed of artwork, cosplays, fan fiction, fan videos, music, film-related recipes, sculptors, and, of course, ask blogs. But who is the driving force behind all of these things (and more)? Who keeps the fandom active, running, and all-around enjoyable? The members! Fans of the Once-ler/Lorax are the source of oxygen that breathes life into this community, for without them there wouldn't be a fandom in the first place, much less all of the creative aspects of it. Whether it's drawing or simply spreading loving kindness among the fandom, all of our members are special and have something to offer.

In this issue of *The Unless Press*, we focus on the members of our vast community and various projects, both personal and public, that they're working on. Here you'll find interviews with four members (some new and some veterans to the fandom), a Q & A session with an ask blog/member pairing, information on the upcoming panty raid, and much more! •

### Did You Know?

There are over 300 Once-ler ask blogs in the fandom!

# Unless Press - Member Interviews

## What was your first impression of *The Lorax*? How did you get into the fandom? We ask these, and other, questions to four members!

Today, the "Press" holds an interview with four members of the fandom, asking them a set number of questions that deal with both the film and the community that spawned from it.

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### ~ Questions ~

**1.** What first got you into the fandom?

**2.** Of all of the various fandom shenanigans that have taken place over the months, which experience has been your absolute favorite?

**3.** Which Once-ler ask blog is your all-time favorite and why?

**4.** When you first saw *The Lorax* in theaters, what was your initial reaction? Did you like it? Dislike it? Did the film, as a whole, make you want to seek out fellow fans, or was it the Once-ler alone (or, perhaps, some other character) who intrigued you?

**5.** Any parting words?

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### Answers - Joukai

**1.** I was new to Tumblr and I was planning to go see *The Lorax* with some friends for my birthday. I was curious about the Once-ler, so I started browsing the tags. I discovered some AMAZING fan art and like-lucy-in-the-sky, who I instantly followed. Through her, I discovered this amazing fandom, and the rest is history!

**2.** I think Camp Weehawken. I met a lot of amazing new people I had never known about beforehand and made a lot of new friends, along with growing closer to some old ones! But I think Once-ler prom is a favorite, too. If it weren't for that, I never would have become best bros with PJ. I don't think my life would be the same!

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~ The Once-ler jams it out on his guitar. ~

# Q & A with "Potato"

Some fans express their love for the community by cosplaying, while others compose fan fiction. Fandom member originalnegativepotato has struck out on quite an endeavor in that she's working on drawing every single Once-ler ask blog -- all 200-400 (or more) of them! Here we interview her on her personal project.

Drawing several ask blogs in one composition is quite an endeavor, depending on the number of personalities that are included, and many have composed pieces involving up to six different ask blogs or more. But what if you decided to include every last one of them? One member of the fandom, who's known as "**originalnegativepotato**", is doing just that. She is on a mission to sketch every single Once-ler ask blog that exists, which, as many of you know, is quite a huge undertaking indeed! In this article, I hold a Q & A session with her to find out more about this in-depth project....

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**Q. What made you want to draw every single ask blog?**

**A.** Well, one night I had a thought of how cool it would be to have a poster on my wall that featured all of our Once-ler blogs, and instead of waiting around for it to happen I wanted to take action, so to speak.

**Q. What, do you find, is the most challenging thing about this personal project?**

A. The largeness of the file is a major problem. It takes a while to open up, and saving takes a minute or two. There are times where this is not as bad, but in my current state of drawing down the basic idea... it's a bit annoying. Also, it's challenging to draw about 300+ beanpoles without differing too much in anatomy -- and I hope I don't disappoint anyone by the way I'm drawing them!

**Q. Which Once-ler has been your favorite to draw so far?**

**A.** It's tough... seeing as I can fan girl so much over ONE beanpole already! But Swag and Pun, as well as the sleep-related Once-lers (Sleep-ler, Sloth-ler, Insomnia-ler, etc.), who are all being adorable in one spot, are probably my favorites so far. But there are a LOT more to come. Who knows if I can ever pick one.

Singing on your journey helps to pass the time!

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I wish "Potato" all the best in completing this huge project! •

# ~Panty Raid, Seuss RPG, and Fandom Anniversary Blog~

## Upcoming Panty Raid

The next fandom panty raid, organized by Swaggermimint, now has a set date! The raid will begin on October 13th at 5:00 PM EST. Write this down on your calendars! More info can be found here:

http://raidingheadquarters.tumblr.com/

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## Fandom Anniversary Blog

Another fandom blog has very recently sprouted up, and you might want to take note of this one. It's a blog created to bring all members together to make something special in light of the film's upcoming anniversary. Find out more about it here:

http://the-oncelerfandom-anniversary.tumblr.com/

## Dr. Seuss RPG

Ever wanted to participate in an RPG that covers all of the Seuss characters, not just the Once-ler? Now you can! Although it's still just starting out, check out this blog, "Nonsensical", an RPG adventure for fans of Dr. Seuss and all of his characters:

nonsensical-rpg.tumblr.com/

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Audrey, Ted's love interest.

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## Fandom Member Interviews - Continued

**3.** It's a tie between ask blogs asktheguywhosbiggering, who I have a lovely little "hateship" with, or Shockler, who is just hilarious and fun and probably one of the few ask blogs I talk to now. But the "main" group has a special place in my heart, too.

**4.** I looooooved it! I thought the story was a little rushed, but the animation and music were amazing! I loved *Horton Hears a Who* and *The Grinch*, and I'm really glad that *The Lorax* did not disappoint! I think it was a mix of both the film as a whole, and the Once-ler who drew me to the fandom. The Once-ler just felt like he was a lot more of a complex character than he seemed at first glance, and I was really happy to find people who felt the same way. Plus, the animation was gorgeous, and I was really excited to see all the details everyone caught! Now I'm an emotional wreck over the whole thing thanks to the fandom!

**5.** Stay strong, fandom! I know there can be a lot of drama, but I have met some of the most loving, talented people thanks to this movie. Don't you ever give up on your dreams, okay? I've seen what you can do, and you have the potential to do something great with your gifts. One day I'll be out with my family and I'll stop and point at a piece of art, a fashion line, a movie, or a CD, or who even knows, and I'll proudly tell them I knew the creator when they were just a kid with a dream and a love for an animated movie. I look forward to that day all thanks to you guys!

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## Answers - PumpkinFishes

**1.** To be honest, it was the fandom itself! A lot of fan art began to pop up on my dash a couple of weeks after the movie had been out, and my interest was more than a little piqued -- especially when I heard that this adorable beanpole in the snappy green suit was the design for the Once-ler, who I was familiar with from the book and cartoon! I ran out to see the movie a few days later, and there was no turning back.

**2.** Oh gosh, this is a really hard one. I guess I'd have to say Camp Weehawken! Watching what started as a cute idea among fans blossom into this fandom-wide event was just awesome. It was so wonderful to see everyone getting involved and banding together to create their own little storylines, and there were so many hilarious headcanons and awesome fan art born from it! It also gave the fans a chance to interact with each other..

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## Fandom Member Interviews - Continued (5-2)

... and our favorite ask blogs in a different way. Gosh, it was just a lot of fun to see everyone enjoying themselves. I'm getting a little nostalgic thinking about it!

**3.** For me it's '72, hands down! I've always had a fondness for the original Once-ler, and I was super excited to find he had an ask blog. He's always so fun to chat with, and not only is his rhyming a joy to behold, but I love watching his story unfold! He's got really fantastic character development going on. And let's not forget that classy wardrobe, eh? '72 was also the first blog I really talked with in the fandom. I had to gather some courage to say "hi", but once I did, he was just such a nice guy. He's always made me feel really welcome, and chatting with him has helped bring me out of my shell and give me confidence when it really comes to talking with other blogs. Definitely a gateway to my being an active member of the fandom, versus just lurking it! I really owe him for that, and for always being a friend to me, if it's not too bold to say. Gosh, just the best!

**4.** By the time I saw the movie in theatres I was already hyped from watching the fandom! I'd wanted to see it anyway, being a fan of Dr. Seuss, but all the fun on Tumblr was really a push for me to see it before it hit DVD (and thank goodness, because what a wait that was!). As predicted, I loved it! Not only because of the Once-ler being a big adorkable baby, but the imagery and music really caught me -- not to mention the GORGEOUS animation. The movie as a whole is visual candy!

**5.** I'm usually pretty shy when it comes to talking to people online, and just lurk around enjoying everyone else's fun. This has really been my first interactive experience with a fandom, and I couldn't have asked for a better one! You're all such kind-hearted, accepting people, and you're all just overflowing with talent -- the stuff you're capable of constantly blows my mind. I've gotten a chance to connect with some wonderful people through this fandom, and forged true friendships that I hold very close to my heart. So I guess I just want to say "thank you", everyone! I've enjoyed these past few months more than I can say, and can't wait to see what the holidays bring!

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## Answers - Bunny-ler

**1.** A blog I follow started posting bits of Once-ler fan art and I became... (cont. on pg. 5-3)

## Fandom Member Interviews - Continued (5-3)

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... interested in how cute this guy was. I did a little searching, found out the movie had come out in theaters a few days ago and saw it, and then just fell head first into the fandom!

**2.** My favorite experience was actually the Once-ler scavenger hunt through all the blogs. It was tons of fun and I got to meet quite a few new ask blogs as a result.

**3.** I'm pretty sure my favorite Once-ler ask blog is the Don Once-ler. He has a way with words that's just highly attractive and the art is phenomenal. The mod of the blog is also a very kind lady whose art and cosplays are spectacular.

**4.** I actually really enjoyed the film and though I only saw it once in theaters, I gotta say I liked the way it was put together. I wish, much like everyone else, that the movie had elaborated a bit on the Once-ler's career era, but alas, it didn't. Seeing the film actually DID make me want to find more people, and after a tag search and discover... I've come to know and follow some of the greatest people both in and out of the fandom.

**5.** I really just wanna say "thank you" to all the friends I've made because of this fandom and I really appreciate how talented everyone is, be it in role-playing, writing, drawing, or any other media. So many people can come to others here in the fandom as actual friends, and though we all come from different walks in the world... we are still a family. I've never felt more at home with a fandom. :)

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### Answers - Travelingmadness

**1.** It was a whole mess of knowing there were people who liked it *before* I actually went to see it and then wanting to come home and blog about it, but I ended up playing "How Bad Can I Be" on repeat. I waited because I really wasn't a fandom-type blog before this. I obviously gave up after three days.

**2.** Okay, there's a LOT, so I hope it's okay if I just show a small list. Most of them happened during the night, so of course that's when the best happens. The time we had a fandom-wide water balloon fight, and that very same night... Camp Weehawken was born; the Ask Blog Identity Riot of 2012 (I stayed up until fricking 8:00 because of that); the days ships became canon (you should know which ones I'm talking about); all the live streams I host are always fun, and I'm so glad I do them; Bitter and Entre's, well, eventful... (cont. on pg 4-2)

## ~Fandom Member Interviews - Continued (4-2)~

... night, and just the overall excitement of waiting for August 7th. Gosh, those were good times. I can probably think of a bajillion other things, but I guess I'll leave it at that.

**3.** Oh, gosh, I'm already blushing at this. I mean, if you pay attention isn't it kinda obvious? Well, let's see.... What can I say about Swag that makes him my favorite, or I could say so much about him that I don't know how to put into words, honestly. He's really grown on me. The mod has put so much work and effort and *character* into him (not that that means that others don't do as much or maybe even more), but what I probably love most about him is that, if he sees someone upset, he'll go cheer them up, and I see that, most of the time, the person is infinity times happier.

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**Travelingmadness** could not finish the interview for time (and other) reasons, but I'd like to thank her, **Joukai**, **Bunny**, and **Pumpkin** for participating in this Q & A session for *The Unless Press*!! •

# It Takes Two to Tango

Even though it may not be Valentine's Day, ask blog love is always in the air in the fandom. In this article, we interview two very special people -- TheUnfler and Oncie-s, whom just so happen to be paired up with one another! We also take a slice out of a rather bittersweet pie, covering some rather interesting nighttime news.

## ~ The Unfler ~

**Q. What do you love most about being paired up with an ask blog?**

**A.** I just like the thought of being in a relationship. I'm a hopeless romantic, and while being single is all right... it gets lonely after a while... and just the thought of being with an ask blog, it gives me the security that there is somebody out there for me, even if it is in the form of an ask blog.

**Q. How did you "meet up" with Oncie-s? Did it take you a little while to warm up to each other, or were the feelings mutual from the get go?**

**A.** Well, I remember he had followed me first, and I decided to thank him for following me (of course, I followed him back), and I had bought a thneed from him. After a couple conversations, I guess you could say that the feelings were mutual, because later on down the road (after some persuasion from some of my friends) I had told him my feelings, which he returned, and I guess the rest is history.

**Q. If you could get your ask blog partner one gift for Valentine's Day, what would it be?**

**A.** Okay, so, I'm horrible at gift giving (and I'm horrible at thinking of gifts for myself, too; my thought process gets shot when people ask me what I want, even if I have, like, a full list of things already written out). However, I do have some sewing experience, so I'd probably make him something like a teddy bear and hope to God that he likes it.

**Q. What is it about Oncie-s' personality that you love?**

**A.** I can't exactly choose one thing that I love about him. I love everything about him, but I personally think I love the fact that he makes me smile, even when he's not around. I could be having the worst day ever, and just thinking about him and looking through his blog instantly raises my sprits and puts a smile on my face. I love how he loves me for me. He's a sweet heart, and I definitely consider myself lucky.

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# Two to Tango - (3-2)

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## ~ Oncie-s ~

**Q. What do you love most about being paired up with Unfy?**

**A.** What I love most about being paired up with Unfy is that she's gorgeous and her personality is the best. I love everything about her.

**Q. How did you "meet up" with Unfy? Did it take you a little while to warm up to each other, or were the feelings mutual from the get go?**

**A.** Well, I guess she just took a liking to me. I was a new Once-ler role-play and I started random para's and she was always there, and I guess we sorta met because... pancakes. It sorta did take quite a while to get warmed up to her, but it escalated quickly. :)

**Q. If you could get your partner one gift for Valentine's Day, what would it be?**

**A.** One gift I would get for Unfy for Valentine's Day would be a lot of little truffula flowers, and a lot of kisses. But, then again, I should be doing that every day.

**Q. What is it about Unfy's personality that you love?**

**A.** The thing I love most about Unfy's personality is that she is so confident with herself. I can't explain it. She's the sweetest person I've ever been with. I could never ask for more.

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Many thanks go to both **Unfy** and ask blog **Oncie-s** for joining us in this Q & A! We wish them all the best on their romantic journey!

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In other news, those of you who were awake for last night's most interesting shenanigans in the fandom (September 19th, 2012) may be aware of a rather bittersweet occurrence that had members both smiling and tearing up. Pleas for Swag to transform into a girl were answered very recently, and it wasn't long after this change happened that both Swag and

Pucker up!

Bitter got together for a little outing. We were all quite a bit surprised when it culminated into a kiss, although it didn't last very long. Although it was tinged with a slight sprinkle of pepper, so to speak, the tender moment was quite a sweet one while it lasted. •